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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the listed documents on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. **JP 58-063431** – An abstract of the disclosure of this document is submitted herewith.
2. **JP 01-193324** – An abstract of the disclosure of this document is submitted herewith.
3. **JP 04-502893** – This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,240,663.
4. **JP 09-277252** – An abstract and a machine-translated document is submitted herewith.
5. **JP 2000-309637** – This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,399,709.
6. **WO 98/39152** – An abstract of the disclosure of this document appears on the face of the document.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute “prior art.” If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute “prior art” under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Examiner the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

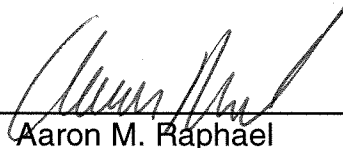
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Respectfully submitted,

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